

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Monday, Aug. 20, and the employment of Vickers will be effective Monday, Aug. 27.

The only other personnel matter considered by the board was the acceptance of the resignation of Jeff Donaldson as a transportation clerk at the bus shop. His resignation was effective as of Thursday, Aug. 2.

When asked about student enrollment this far, Ingram said the county as a whole is down 24 students this year.

Ingram told board members that a revised copy of the Parent/Student Information Guide had been distributed to the schools. She said there were only a couple of minor changes made to the guide this year.

In the Code of Conduct section, Ingram said procedures were added to handle situations where a student threatens to bring a gun to school to shoot or kill someone.

The only other change to the guide mentioned by Ingram to board members concerned the dress code.

According to Ingram, a section was added to the dress code that will allow girls to wear the "new" thick flip flops. She said the principals and teachers had previously objected to students wearing the thin flip flops (often times referred to as shower shoes); however, they saw no problem with the new style which includes a thick sole.

No action from the board was required concerning the Parent/Student Information Guide, during last Friday's meeting, but Ingram said the members will need to review the guide and approve it to policy at the next board meeting.

With an update on the Kinston Band Program, Ingram told board members that the school system was successful in find-

ing someone to oversee the program this year.

She said Patrick Bruce will assist the band students at Kinston this year. Bruce is a graduate of the music program at Auburn University and currently working on his Master's at Troy State University. Ingram said his family is from Coffee County, and his wife is also involved with music.

"The very next morning after we talked to him (Bruce) he was at Kinston and introduced to the students," Ingram said. "I think we've found a good person, and he seems excited."

In other business, the board received a reminder from Ingram for the upcoming budget hearings for fiscal year 2002.

The hearings will be held Monday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 30, at 11 a.m. A special meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 30, at 12:15 p.m. to approve the FY2002 budget.

* Approved the authorization to bid the cellular telephone service for the school buses. Ingram told board members that bidding for the service would allow them to apply for e-rate which would cut costs.

* Accepted the high bid for three old stoves from within the school system, which are no longer usable for the schools.

Local student receives degree from UofA

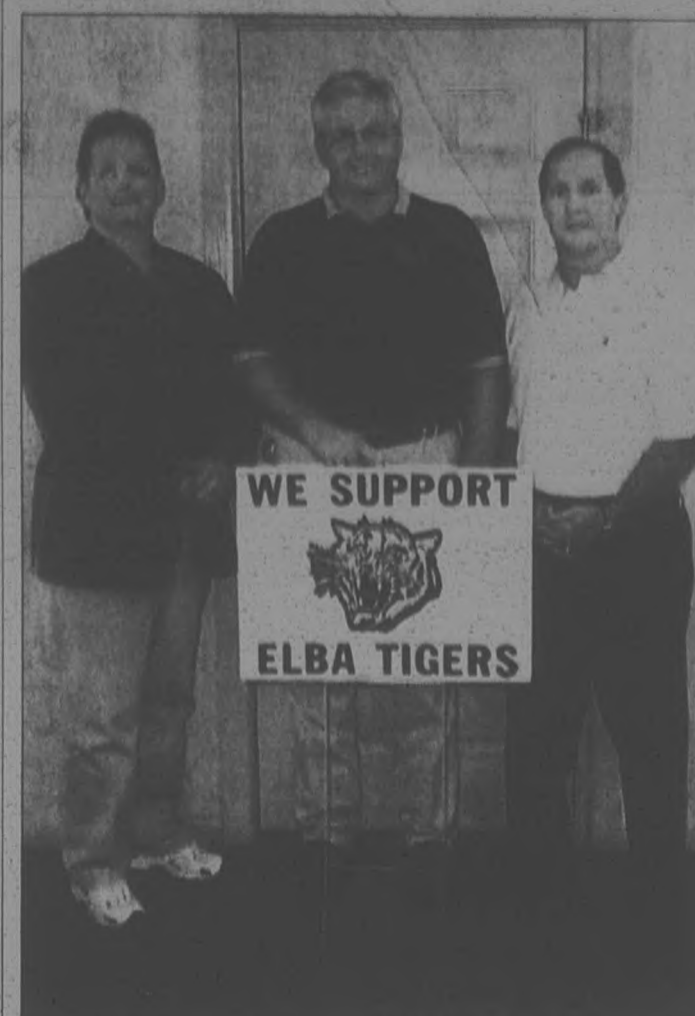
The University of Alabama awarded some 1,100 degrees at summer commencement exercises held Saturday, Aug. 11, in Coleman Coliseum on the Tuscaloosa campus. Bonnie Louise DeVaughan was among the graduates receiving degrees on this day.

AAHF schedules Aug. 30 meeting

The Wiregrass Chapter of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation (AAHF) will hold its monthly meeting, Thursday, August 30, 5:30 p.m. at The Fort Rucker Officers Club.

The public is invited to attend this meeting. Volunteers, with or without aviation experience, are needed to meet a myriad of chapter needs.

Athletic club supports Tigers



DISPLAY OF SUPPORT...The Elba Athletic Club wants to show its support for the athletic program at Elba High School as a new era begins. Therefore, the athletic club will be selling yard signs, such as the one above, at the Elba-Zion Chapel pre-season football game Friday night, Aug. 24, at Miller Memorial Stadium in Elba. A yard sign can be purchased for \$10. Anyone interested in purchasing a yard sign before Friday night should contact Doug Martin, Elba Athletic Club president, at 897-6045 or any athletic club member. Captured above are Doug Martin, Elba Athletic Club president; Rachel Moore, Elba Athletic Club member; and Mike Williams, Elba High School principal.

ESJC announces summer semester honor students

Enterprise State Junior College (ESJC) officially announces the names of students achieving recognition through the fall semester honor rolls. The Dean's List, also compiled at the end of every semester, recognizes full-time students (scheduling 12 or more hours), who maintain a minimum of a 3.50 GPA during the semester. The summer semester list recognized 29 students. The list included Courtney Chappell and Sharron Thompson from New Brockton and Sheryl Brunson, Marcella Childs, and Wanda Kelley of Elba.

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Local law enforcement make two arrests from illegal drug operation



by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Another area illegal drug operation came to an abrupt halt Saturday afternoon when law enforcement officials arrested two people and confiscated over 60 marijuana plants of various ages, bagging materials, a set of scales as well as a supply of suspected methamphetamine and other illegal drugs. The officers also confiscated 18 acres of land and a home in Covington County as well as a pick-up truck in association with the

alleged drug distribution operation. The confiscated drugs were forwarded to state testing labs to confirm their identity. Arrested and jailed in the case are Dennis McCarty and Leandra McCarty. The couple were placed in the Covington County Jail.

According to Elba Police Chief R. W. Whitworth, agencies cooperating in the operation, which began in Elba and ended at the rural home in Covington County, included the

Elba Police Department, Opp Police Department, 22nd Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force and agents of the Alabama Beverage Control (ABC) Board. Whitworth added that this is just another step toward the complete elimination of drugs in this area.

Officers explained that this was not a methamphetamine cooking site and that one of those arrested volunteered the information that he had just exchanged an automobile for the illegal drug.

Garbage nonpayment sends residents to court

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County is working to keep the garbage from piling up as many county residents are being led to small claims court for lack of payment for the mandatory solid waste collection service.

"We've (county) been concentrating in collecting delinquent accounts," said Marvin McLwain, Coffee County Solid Waste enforcement officer. "We

realize nobody likes being told they have to do something, but this (solid waste collection) is for the good of the people of Coffee County."

McLwain said the mandatory collection of solid waste for rural Coffee County residents began in October of 1993. The collection and billing for the service had been handled by independent firms until the Coffee County Commission decided to make some changes

in order to keep costs down for county residents.

He said Coffee County continued its contract with MDI (Mark Dunning Industries) of Dothan to collect the residential solid waste in rural areas; however, the county overtook the billing process in October of 2000.

"There was going to be a substantial increase to customers," McLwain said. "The commission decided to do the billing to hold down the cost."

He said solid waste collection is mandatory because of a state law that is ratified by local law; therefore, everyone has to participate.

According to McLwain, the county pays MDI \$10 per car to pick up garbage. He said the county pays MDI regardless of whether the customer pays the county for the service. Therefore, he said if the customers do not pay, the county is using taxpayers' money to cover the costs of service.

"At this time, there are approximately 6,000 county residences participating in the mandatory collection of residential solid waste," McLwain said. "About six percent are delinquent in payment of their solid waste collection fees."

In an effort to collect those delinquent fees, the county is currently in the process of taking those individuals who have failed to pay to small claims court.

McLwain said the county has a little over 300 cases ready to present to the court, and this could prove to be more costly to the individual than the fee charged for solid waste collection. He said many of these individuals have not paid since the county began billing for the service in October of last year.

"We're not dealing with a vague law," said McLwain. "Chances are they (resident) will be found guilty and face a

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Commission zips through meeting within minutes

The lack of business filled the air Monday morning, Aug. 27, during the regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission as commissioners zipped through the agenda and adjourned in less than 15 minutes.

In regards to old and new business, the commissioners had only one item to consider.

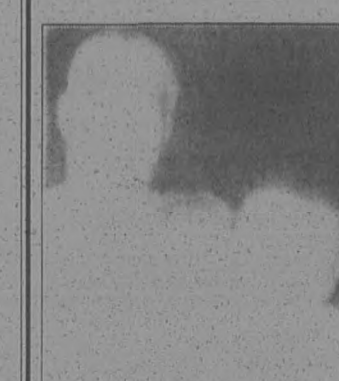
Bids were opened during the meeting for the installation of guard rails.

County Engineer Randy Tindell said there are four companies in this area that install guard rails, and a reply to the county's bid request was submitted from only one of the four companies.

Alabama Guardrail, Inc. of Pinson, Ala. entered a no bid to the request. Therefore, with no

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Elba council lowers automobile sales tax

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday to lower the local sales tax collected on the sale of automobiles, from 1% to 3/4%.

This will mean a considerable savings to local automobile buyers. The savings on a \$15,000 automobile will be \$37.50 and the savings on a \$20,000 vehicle will be \$50.00.

Elba Mayor James Grimes said this move will bring Elba's sales tax back in line with Opp and Enterprise and will probably actually increase the total amount of sales tax collected in Elba.

The council accepted bids on five FEMA buy-out houses in an effort to close out the final remnants of this long running project. Sold to Ducky Johnson Housemovers of Grand Ridge, El.

Donald Hussey and Sons purchased the other two houses. They bid \$1051 for houses at 936 Forest Avenue and 901 Flournoy Drive.

Grimes said he was disappointed in the bids received on some of the houses, but with the city's "in-kind" clean-up

allowance and the money received from the houses, Elba should be able to cover most of the local contribution part of the project expenses.

A Planning and Zoning Board recommendation to rezone a piece of property on U.S. 84, just past Kleiner's, was approved by the council. Council members were told there were no negative comments voiced at the public hearing on the rezoning request to change the property from AG-1 to R-4, which will allow the placing of a mobile home on the property.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported to the council that the police department has been actively involved in recent drug cases which takes almost a quarter of a million dollars worth of drugs off the streets. He told council members, "Officer Robert Fulton has done an extremely good job in this area."

The council also accepted paving bids for five previously announced resurfacings. The low bid was under estimates, according to Mayor Grimes. APAC-Alabama, of Dothan, was the low bidder at \$136,810.50 on all five of the streets and was awarded the bid. Two other bids were received, ranging up to \$155,000. Streets in this project include Hickman Avenue, Farris Avenue, Gibson

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Area Happenings

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL On Thursday, Aug. 30 (TONIGHT), the Elba Tigers will travel to Straughn, the Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Samson and the Brantley Bulldogs will be at home against J.E. Shields. On Friday, Aug. 31, the Zion Chapel Rebels will travel to New Brockton to take on the Gamecocks. Kickoff for all games is 7:30 p.m.

ELBA FOOTBALL RESERVED SEATING Elba High School Tiger supporters who rent reserved seats are reminded of the deadline Friday, Aug. 31. After this date, seats will be rented to the general public.

ELBA HOLIDAY CLOSING The City of Elba offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day. There will be standby crews available to handle any emergency with water, electrical, sewer or streets. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2553. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 8 a.m. The garbage routes will run as scheduled.

NEW BROCKTON HOLIDAY CLOSING The New Brockton Town offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 3, in observance of Labor Day. Emergency services will be available. The town council meeting has been changed to Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. due to the holiday.

Street, Forest Lake Drive and Cordelia Street.

The Cordelia Street paving is in addition to considerable drain tile and base work already done by city crews.

Grimes alerted council members that if they approved this paving project, they would also have to approve borrowing up to \$125,000 to fund the work.

The council voted to move forward with the paving before the streets conditions get worse and the cost of repairs increased. They also voted to borrow the necessary money to complete the work.

Some additional resurfacing is scheduled as state funded project, however this work has not received final approval from the Alabama Highway Department.

A quick review of the city's financial statement for the first ten months of the fiscal year shows revenue under budget expectations by about \$33,000, according to the mayor. He

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by Linda Hodge, Editor

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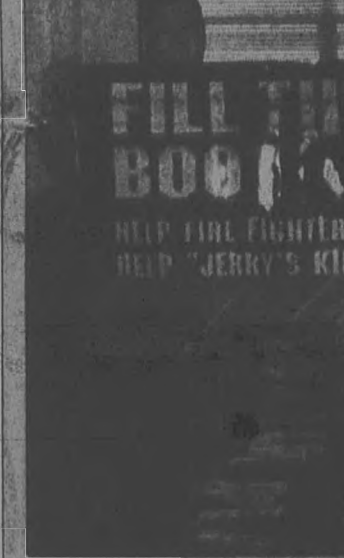
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Elba firemen fill the boot for MDA

by Linda Hodge, Editor



Elba fireman Danny Jordan and Fire Chief Larry Goodson

The Elba Fire Department participated in the Fill the Boot campaign on Saturday, Aug. 18, in an effort to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) or Jerry's Kids.

This was a first time effort for the department, and Elba Fire Chief Larry Goodson said the department more than reached their goal.

He said the department was hoping to raise \$500 to donate to MDA, but once the money was counted they were astonished to find they had taken in \$1,613.08.

"With all the disasters the people here have had, they are still willing to give," Goodson said. "That says a lot about the citizens."

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D.A.R.E. Program receives vehicle from businesses

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The Alabama Legislature was called back into special session Tuesday night with a lengthy agenda of items the governor wants them to consider. With only 30 days total to complete this work, we can only assume many of the items in the call of the session are for political purposes and/or to test the water and see how each will fair in the upcoming regular 2002 session. Anyone can tell there is a major election just over the hill as potential candidates for the governor's office are even offering their own bills in the special session even though these will be much harder for almost impossible to get passed than those in the official call from the governor, due to the special rules governing special sessions and the 30 day time limit. Already we are gritting our teeth in anticipation of all the heated words that will be flying around Alabama during the next month. It will probably seem like six months, to those of us in the branch heads of Alabama and to those called to Goat Hill, and living the nightmare every day!

Tuesday morning the Alabama Department of Education was praising the fact that in 2001 Alabama high school students exceeded the national average on SAT scores... and the bragging is justified. Everyone knows our kids are far above the average and this is just proof to the other guys! A prepared a news release from the Superintendent of Education Ed Richardson noted that Alabama students not only topped the national average score in 2001, they also topped the national average in total gains over the past ten years. Average math scores are up 19 points and verbal scores up 9 points over the ten year period. Both these increases are a marked improvement over the national average gain. Someone must be doing something right, in spite of all the negative squeaking wheels we hear day in and day out.

Until today we have refrained from mentioning the months long saga of U.S. Congressman Gary Condit's continuing problems. There is no way we could say yes or no on him having anything at all to do with that missing young female intern. Having said that, we quickly add that he himself has done convince the world he didn't do anything for a man who wants to go to the California district and the TV "interviews" just add fuel to the fire of doubters all across the nation. Even his fellow Democratic peers back in Washington are trying to distance themselves from him and his problems after the latest amateur attempts to "come clean." Maybe the efforts of the last week should be more properly classified as further attempts to sway the voters of California and the entire U.S. Now this latest round of pronouncements and denials has further ruffled the feathers of another woman by indicating she is lying about his former relationship with her. Regardless of his guilt or innocence and there is so much smoke, we can feel the heat from the fire on any part of any of this, he comes across to us as someone who feels he is above reproach, regardless of what he has done and scoffs at those who question his actions. Teton Bill he isn't and it probably won't take much longer for Gary Condit to find that out himself. We think the man has had a firm grasp on the brass ring a little to long and voters of his California district need to cut him loose from the trough and suggest he get a regular job for a while (or forever).

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of August 20, 2001 through August 26, 2001. They were: Fred Cox, Velvet Coleman, Joel Kelley, Mary Dawson, Kerry Williams, Wanda Beck, Shannon Winters, Shirley Johnson, Vivian Reynolds, Devorian Wilkerson, Willie Rachel, Charlotte Blackmon, Felicia Thomas, Tim Dunlap, Lillian Morgan, Jeanna Barlow, Sara Chandler, Catherine Burks, Amanda Edwards, Mary Roten, Tracey Nelson, Martha Senn, Melinda Jones, Lyndell Carter.

Etta Hudson and Shirley Cauley. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Chester Eiland, Wilson Cole, Anne Esposito, Dominique Miller, Kerry Williams, Estelle Williams, Velvet Coleman, Shannon Winters, Mary Dawson, Joel Kelley, Wanda Beck, Tim Dunlap, Mary Roten, Sara Chandler, Charlotte Blackmon, Amanda Edwards, Catherine Burks, Felicia Thomas, Shirley Johnson, Willie Rachel, Devorian Wilkerson, Jeanna Barlow, Martha Senn, Lyndell Carter and Lillian Morgan.

Elba Elementary School Menu
Sep. 3 - 7, 2001

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Labor Day Holiday	Monday - Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Pizza, Broccoli, w/ Cheese, Corn, Pear Slides, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Fishburger, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Applesauce, Milk
Thursday - Pop Tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Roll, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, Crackers, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

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Elba and ZC win in football jamboree

by Linda Hodge, Editor

For as long as I can remember, I looked forward to going to "Foggy Bottom" with my dad on Friday nights to watch Elba Tiger football.

Then, after the 1992 football season, the pride, tradition and excellence of the program moved to its new home at Tiger Stadium on the current Elba City Schools Complex.

The new stadium is great and everyone in Elba certainly has something to be proud of every time they enter the gates, but for those of us who shared in so many memories created down at "Foggy Bottom," it has seemed as though a bit of something was missing.

Well, I am happy to say that was definitely not the case last Friday night when the Elba Tigers met the Zion Chapel Rebels for a preseason jamboree game.

It was amazing to see the number of people who "came home" for the game and once again filled the stands at the old field. It was like old times, again as we walked through the parking lot towards the entrance.

I couldn't count the number of times I heard someone say how great it was to be back watching Elba Tiger football the way it used to be. I will even venture to

say it was a homecoming long overdue.

But, even as exciting as it was for us Elba fans to return to the familiar grounds of "Foggy Bottom," that was not the really great thing about last Friday's game.

Excitement has hit the local school systems hard and the purpose of the preseason game was to raise funds for both athletic programs at Elba and Zion Chapel. With admission sales being divided between the two programs at the end of the evening, the success of the event depended upon the people of the community.

It didn't take long to realize that the people were there to support the youth of the local schools as traffic backed up and fans waited in line just to enter the stadium. The time every one arrived, there was an estimated crowd of about 3,500 people.

Personally, I can't remember when I've seen so many people in attendance for a high school football game, especially a preseason game.

The people of Elba and Zion Chapel are to be commended for their support of the local schools systems. It had to be a great feeling for the administrators, faculty and students of each school to see, without a doubt, how important the schools are to the community.

I'm sure the game was very beneficial to each of the football programs. It allowed them to discover areas where improvements needed to be made before beginning the regular season this week, and it allowed them to give the boys some playing time in a scrimmage situation.

And, although Elba left the field with the most points on the scoreboard, both teams were winners on that particular evening. No matter what happened during the game, it was the admission sales numbers that made the difference, and each team left with much more than they came with that day.

When you add all the ingredients for the night, I don't think a

more perfect recipe could have been created, and I know every one is looking forward to continuing their support for the Elba Tigers and Zion Chapel Rebels as they begin the regular season.

Excitement and enthusiasm were contagious on both sides of the field.

The Athletic Club was responsible for the concession stand and took in approximately \$3,800. This money will be used to help support all athletic programs at Elba High School.

Sincerely,
Doug Martin Jr.
President, Elba Athletic Club

My name is Bill. I am 60 years old. I have been a diabetic for one-half of my life.

At the time I was diagnosed with diabetes, I was unaware of the devastation this disease would bring to my body. I am legally blind, I have lost part of my foot, and I have nerve damage. I have a difficult time walking and my hands go numb.

I can tell you everything above was traumatic, but nothing compares to renal failure. In order to survive with renal failure, I had to go to dialysis three times a week for five hours per day to have a machine cleanse my blood. The side effects of dialysis and the restrictions are very hard to live with.

I went to dialysis for three and one-half hard years. On February 18, 2001, I received a new kidney from an accident victim who was an organ donor. I have a new life. Because of

the Alabama Direct Assessment of Writing is administered to all fifth and seventh graders in the spring of each school year. This Assessment is criterion referenced and measures levels of writing achievement, ranging from Level 1 (a limited understanding of the writing task) to Level 4 (a thorough understanding of the writing task).

For example, students who received a Level 1 score demonstrated a little understanding of the writing task with a little or no sense of audience and purpose, little or no organizational

view at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 3. The television will be aired on the Montgomery television station WAKA Channel 8.

He said he encourages everyone to tune in and watch as Elba makes its big debut in helping Jerry's Kids and the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Goodson said representatives from the Elba Fire Department will present the money on television.

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Scripture: Esther 1:1-22

***Thinking of you, praying for you. Rev. Charles Lane, Lela Tyson, Lizzie Tyson, Johnnie M. Daniels, Mary Alice Blue, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., Mason Gullever, Mattie Belcher, Colles Belcher, Rosie Daniels, Vick E. Lindsey and Johnny Swape. ***1st Lady's Conference 2001. Women of Faith, will be held Friday, August 31, 2001 and Saturday, September 1, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Oriskany (Hwy 231). The host First Lady of the Faith Tabernacle, C.O.G.I.C. Enterprise, Ala. pastor: Robert E. Hall. The theme will be:

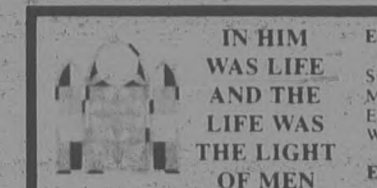
Diabetes pump therapy to be made more readily available to young people

type 1 diabetes whose physician prescribes an insulin pump. The Diabetes Trust Fund will provide \$100,000 for the first year of the plan to cover the insurance co-pays and deductibles associated with obtaining an insulin pump. The plan is designed to provide children under 18 years of age (or students under age 21) the means to benefit from the most advanced diabetes management technology.

Lordy, Lordy Guess Who's 40?



"You're a Winner" Love, James, Mama, Jeff, Chris, Gail, Marvin & JoAnn



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

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The Jerry Wilkerson Family to be in concert at Sasser's Mill Church

The Jerry Wilkerson Family will be singing at Sasser's Mill Church Saturday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m.

The "Needhams" to be featured at Love's Way Church Gospel Singing

Love's Way Church will be having a Gospel Singing on Friday, August 31st beginning at 7:00 p.m. featuring THE NEEDHAMS. For a great night of Gospel Singing, make plans now to be in this service. Love's Way is located 3 miles West of Enterprise Highway 134 (Damascus Road) next to Covington Elec. Co-Op. For more information call (334)393-6731.

Praise & Glory Worship Center plans Gospel Singing for September 1

The regular first Saturday night singing will be held Saturday, night, September 1, 2001 at Praise and Glory Worship Center located next to the high school in New Brockton. There will be various singers including Deana Salinas from Andalusia, Ala. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

LBW announces names of Honor Roll students

LBW College president Seth Hammett has announced honor students for the 2001 Summer Term. A total of eleven students were named to the President's List and seventeen students were named to the Dean's List.

Brantley student receives Troy State University Scholarship

Donna Compton, a Troy State University student from Brantley, has received a Dr. Emmett Kilpatrick Perpetual Memorial Scholarship for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Compton, a senior majoring in business, is a 1998 graduate of Brantley High School. She is a member of several honor societies, including Alpha Lambda Delta, Gamma Beta Phi, University Honors Alliance and the Trojan All-Stars.

The Kilpatrick Scholarship was established in 1984 to honor the memory of a former TSU professor.



The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Enterprise to present concert

The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, located at 302 East Grubbs Ave., Enterprise, is presenting a concert of classical music for flute, violin and organ on Sunday, Sept. 23, at 3 p.m. A local chamber music trio, Con Bro, will provide an exciting blend of Baroque and Impressionist music. Con Bro's members are Ingrid Teclaw, violin, Lenora McKee, flute, and Dr. Jean Bynum, organ and keyboard.

PASTOR'S CORNER Rev. Ron Stallard Elba Church of God

We have but one Father

Sometimes we get caught up in living life and just trying to get along the best we can. It's easy to forget about the true values of life and what it takes to be happy. In our inner man we know that something is wrong. Things are a little sick and we just can't quite put our finger on the problem. We treat the symptoms but not the sickness. We put a bandage on our hand but it is the finger that is cut. We have problems today because we have lost the Father-Son relationship. Matt 23:9 And call no man your father upon the earth, for one is your Father, which is in heaven. 10 Neither be ye called masters, for one is your Master, even Christ. 11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased, and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. You may say I have a father and I respect and love him. Heb 12:9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirit and life? The Father of the Spirits where we need to do some work. Paul explains it like this: 1 Cor 4:15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. He later goes on to say "Follow me as I follow Christ." We have become a people of leaders and not of followers. We must return to the leadership of Christ Jesus. We must use His example on how to live our lives. He said He would know us by how we loved one another. Jesus also was a servant and He humbled Himself to wash His disciples feet. Denominations were not His concern. The vote of the district pastor or the state overseer did not count. There was no board or committee to please. He did things to please His Father.

We need to do as Jesus told us to do. 2 Cor 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Praise the Lord for His Word. Jesus came to save us, not to destroy us. Matt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. 17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.



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Tiger Tales

Editor:
Katie Grimes

Co-Op Spotlight

by Charly Barlow



Michael Holland

Dorsey supports Elba Tigers

by Brittany Daniels

The Elba High School Tigers are getting ready to hit the field once again. This year, the team is not only supported by the usual fans, band and cheerleaders, but also by Dorsey Trailers.

Dorsey has now reopened under the direction of new owners and is showing full support. The owners bought a huge banner to be waved across the field to show our boys how much we

love them. Dorsey has also donated 1 shirt to be given to the audience by cheerleaders at the football games. Dorsey has not limited their support to the football team, but shows spirit and support toward ALL Elba Tigers. A sign that reads "Welcome to Troop Country" will be placed at one of the entrances of the city. To Dorsey Trailers, the Tigers say, "Thank you, and your support is greatly appreciated!"

EHS Faculty Spotlight

by Gavin Mauldin

The teacher in this week's spotlight is Mrs. Robin Spurlin. She teaches 7th grade basic math, general math and 11th grade Algebra 2.

She graduated from Opp High School in 1974 and then attended Troy State University where she graduated with a major in secondary mathematics education. This is Mrs. Spurlin's second year teaching at EHS.

She is married to Dennis Spurlin. Her hobbies include making scrapbooks, reading, traveling, gardening, restoring furniture and watching races on TV.

When asked who inspired her to be a teacher, she replied, "My



Robin Spurlin

high school math teacher Mrs. Janet Faulk and my chemistry teacher Mrs. Barbara Reynolds. If she could have another profession, she would like to be a consultant.

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EHS journalism invites all to Meet the Press...

by Francie English

A new year has rolled around at Elba High School, which means a new Journalism staff. This year's staff consists of 13 students: Charly Barlow, Hunter Branch, Brittany Daniels, Francie English, Kimberly Farris, Katie Grimes, Jonathan Head, Gavin Mauldin, Miranda Russell, Stephanie Sasser, Amanda Spicer and Kristy Ward. They are quite a diverse group of students.

Here's a little bit of information on those who write the articles in the school section of the newspaper.

Charly Barlow is 17 years old in the 12th grade, and a member of VICA. She hopes to become a lawyer.

Hunter Branch is also a 17-year-old senior.

Brittany Daniels is 16 in 12th grade, and plans on being a lawyer.

Katie Grimes is 17 and a senior. She would love to attend the University of Seattle and later pursue a career as a successful wildlife photographer.

Kimberly Farris is 16 years old and a junior. She attended All-State 2001, an honor band program where she was the first chair contra alto clarinet in the white band.

Katie Grimes is a 17-year-old senior. She hopes to attend the University of the South in Sevensville, Tenn. to major in fine arts, and she wishes to later become a writer or photographer. She plays the piano for Ham United Methodist Church and

works for the First Baptist Church through the Co-op program.

Jonathan Head is 17 years old and in 12th grade.

Gavin Mauldin is a 17-year-old senior and wants to be a nuclear medicine technician. He happens to be the tallest person at Elba High.

Miranda Russell is 17, in the 12th grade, and hopes to pursue a career as a computer programmer.

Stephanie Sasser is 17 years

old, in the 12th grade, and would like to become either an English high school teacher or a history high school teacher. She is the first lieutenant and clarinet section leader in the Elba High School Marching Band, the secretary of Girl Scout Troop #300, and a Girl State participant.

Amanda Spicer is a 16-year-old senior and longs to become a radiologist. She is the co-organizer captain as well as a vice-president of Girl Scout Troop #300.

Kristy Ward is a 16-year-old junior. She spent this summer in Australia as an exchange student.

These are the people who make up this year's staff. They are an intelligent group of young adults. They will report the events and happenings that occur at Elba High School. Be sure to check out the "Tiger Tales" section of The Elba Clipper each week!



Pictured left to right: (front row) Hunter Branch, Amanda Spicer, Charly Barlow, Miranda Russell, (middle row) Francie English, Katie Grimes, Stephanie Sasser, Kristy Ward, (back row) Kimberly Farris, Brittany Daniels and Jonathan Head.

EHS Marching Tigers plan big show

by Kimberly Farris

The Elba High School Marching Tiger Band started Band Camp the third week of July. In spite of the extremely hot weather, all members survived, and the EHS Band is bigger and better than it has been in years.

The show this year is totally unlike any show the band has ever performed. The band is playing several different styles of music, with songs including "Rubber Duckie," "Conga," "I'll Be There," and more.

The band hopes that everyone will come to the game this Friday night to help support the Elba Tigers. Enjoy the show!

New year brings new parking code

by Jonathan Head

On Thursday, Aug. 16, Elba High School Vice Principal Johnny Dunn presented a new policy regarding student parking.

After a series of complaints and vehicle registration debates, Dunn took it upon himself to discuss a newly developed method of parking with the senior class. This so-called method pertains to the familiar "elche." The early bird gets the worm. In other words, instead of having an assigned parking place, the students will be allowed to park wherever they choose so long as they are registered and showing a decal.

Senior Evan Maddox and junior Kyle English agreed that the new method is much easier to abide by than parking in the same place every day.

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EES Faculty Spotlight

by Stephanie Sasser

Ms. Lynn Wilson is a first grade teacher at Elba Elementary School. Ms. Wilson is a graduate of Elba High School and Troy State University where she obtained a MS degree in early childhood education.

Ms. Wilson's past teaching experiences include teaching kindergarten and fourth grade in Baker, Fla., Houston, Texas and Kinston, Ala. She has been with the Elba Elementary School System for 14 years.

Ms. Wilson has a 10-year-old son, Bradley, and an eight-year-old daughter, Bethany. Her hobbies include water skiing, snow skiing, roller-blading, bicycling and kayaking. When asked what inspired her to become a



Lynn Wilson

teacher, she said, "My father was a teacher and principal. I grew up hanging out in schools during the summer."

Ms. Wilson would have wanted to become a graphic designer if she had not become a teacher.



CLASS OF '51 DONATES...After celebrating a fifty-year reunion, Elba High School's Class of 1951 decided to make a donation to their alma mater. Mrs. Sybil Hahn and Mrs. Betty Rogers presented a check for fifty-five dollars to Mrs. Margaret Calhoun, library media specialist at Elba High School. What a great way to help EHS celebrate its first one hundred years. In this picture are Mrs. Betty Rogers, Mrs. Hahn, and Mrs. Calhoun.

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Welcome to New Students

by Miranda Russell

Making new friends, seeing new faces, and getting used to a new routine is all apart of becoming a new student. This year EHS has welcomed over 10 new students so far. To the new students, I say make the most of your year here at EHS. I encourage you to participate in as much as possible, whether it is sports, the band or a club.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba Church of Christ to hold gospel meeting

September 9-12

The Elba Church of Christ invites everyone to attend a gospel meeting on September 9-12.

On September 9, the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end on September 10-12. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Jack Reece.

Gospel Singing to be held at The District Singing Building Sept. 2

A gospel singing will be held September 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the District Singing Building on County Road 377. The featured groups will be The Englem Brothers, Iron, Enterprise and The Traveling Stars from Opp.



Mike Parker

Mike Parker is new president of Colonial Bank in Andalusia

Montgomery, Ala. Regional President and CEO of Colonial Bank announced that Mike Parker has joined Colonial Bank as Andalusia City President. Parker's primary responsibility will be the business development and expansion of services within Covington County. He brings more than 20 years of banking experience for Colonial.

Parker served two years in the United States Army as an air defense controller and received the United States Army Outstanding Achievement Award as team leader. He is a graduate of Kinston High School and attended L.B.W. College. Parker is a member of Andalusia Kiwanis Club and a deacon at Opp Church of Christ.

Educational Seminar to be held. An educational seminar focusing on Long Term Care will take place September 6, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Oakview Manor in Ozark, Ala. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Call for reservations: (334) 774-2651.

Bernie Wilkerson is new Physician Assistant to medical community

Mr. Ellen Briley, Chief Executive Officer of Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home, has announced the addition of Mr. Benny Wilkerson as a Physician Assistant to the medical community of Elba. He will be joining the office practice of Dr. Lance K. Dyess on September 4, 2001.

Mr. Wilkerson, a lifelong resident of Elba, has recently completed a two-year curriculum of study in the Physician Assistants Program at MCP Hahnemann University, Philadelphia, Pa. Prior to this he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Troy State University and also worked as an Emergency Room Registered Nurse at Elba General Hospital for four years.

Mr. Wilkerson is married to the former Kristi Oates, also a native of Elba, and the father of two children, Peyton and Kendall.

Phillip Mixon joins staff at the Colonial Bank in Andalusia

Andalusia City President Mike Parker and Opp City President Steve Sexton have jointly announced that Phillip Mixon has joined Colonial Bank's Covington County Board of Directors.

Mixon is president of Mixon Farms, Inc. and president and owner of Mixon Nurseries. He is a graduate of Auburn University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration.

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Class of '81 to hold 20th Year Class Reunion

The Class of '81 of Elba High School will hold its 20th Year Class Reunion on October 26 and 27, 2001. The Class of '81 is in need of assistance in locating some of their classmates. Please contact Lisa Smith

Johnson at Tallahassee, Fla. (334) 897-4210 or Pam Williams at Culver, Ind. (334) 897-8210 or some of the '81 class members.

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Wednesday	Donuts, Waffles, Cereal, Juice, Milk		Wednesday	Corndog, Ham, Cheese Sandwich, Sir Fry Veggies, Cornish Cobs	
Thursday	Egg Omelet, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk		Thursday	Fried Chicken, Steak Sandwich, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit, Milk	
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hides on the table for the installation of guard rails, the commission could do nothing concerning the matter.

Commission Chairman Linda Westbrook told commissioners that the Zion Chapel Volunteer Fire Department and Five-Star Volunteer Fire Department jointly requested the use of an old house located on county property across from the landfill for drill practice.

To avoid confusion, Westbrook said the house was one other than the Smith House located on county property across from the landfill. She said the house in question is old and falling down.

Therefore, she made a request that the commission allow the two fire departments to burn the house as part of a

drill exercise for practice in better preparing to fight fires.

Westbrook's motion was passed unanimously. Commissioner Bernest Brooks gave an update on a recent commissioners workshop he had attended. The workshop was held for county commissioners across the state.

"I thank you all (county citizens) for sending us to this conference," he said.

In other business, the commissioners:

- * Approved a request by the county engineer for a resolution allowing Chairman Westbrook to enter into agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of Coffee County Road 473.

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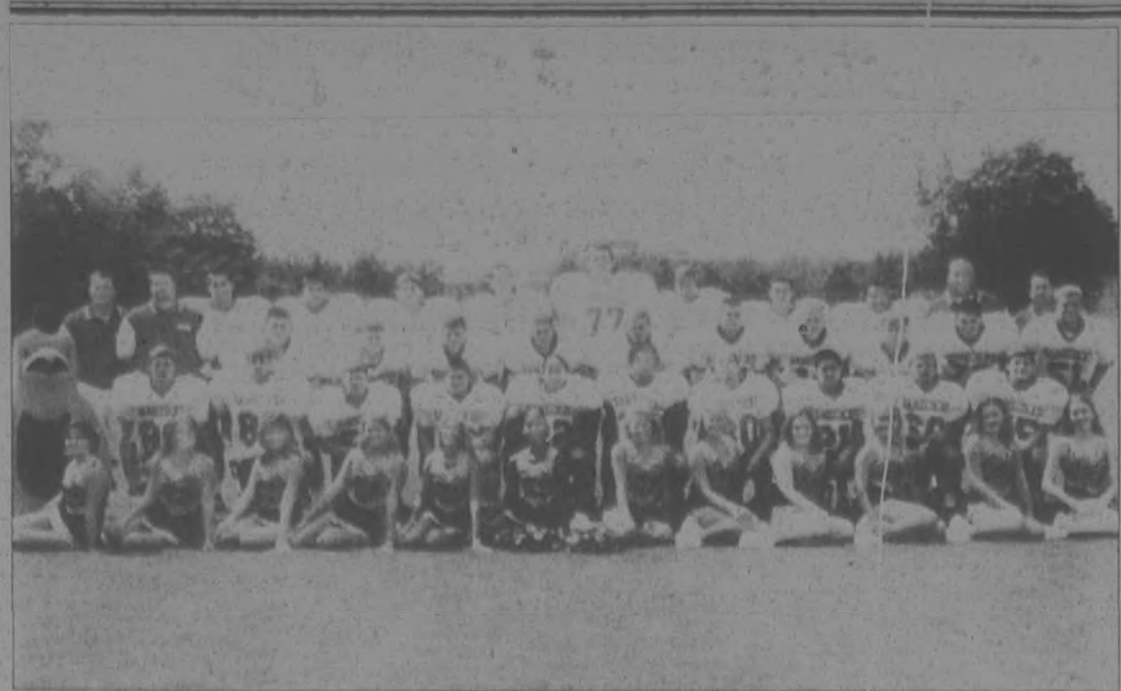
"Will we know one another in heaven?"

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David was a man who lived with hope that he would go to heaven (Acts 13:22). One of his children died at a very young age, but he knew that he would see this child in heaven. David said, "but now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me (2 Samuel 12:23)." Just as David had hope of reuniting with his child again, we too may have hope of being with our loved ones again in heaven.

The account of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) clearly gives us the indication that we will remember who we are, and who our loved ones are, even after we have gone from this life.

SPORTS



2001 NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS

Friday night in New Brockton

Gamecock-Rebel clash highlights opening week of prep football action

Coffee County football fans will get an early season treat on Friday night at New Brockton's Gamecock Stadium when the New Brockton Gamecocks kick off their 2001 season

against the Zion Chapel Rebels. The Gamecocks struggled to win their first game last season under Coach Shannon Clark, while the Rebels posted a 5-6 slate and made it to the 1A playoffs

under Coach Randy Grant. New Brockton was expected to struggle through a rebuilding year last season with a team filled with underclassmen. However, not even the most



2001 ZION CHAPEL REBELS

pessimistic Gamecock fan would have thought the proud New Brockton program would suffer through a season filled with 10 straight losses. This season the Gamecocks are bigger, faster and stronger, and are determined that a winning season and a trip to the playoffs will be the only medicine that will cure the pains of a year ago.

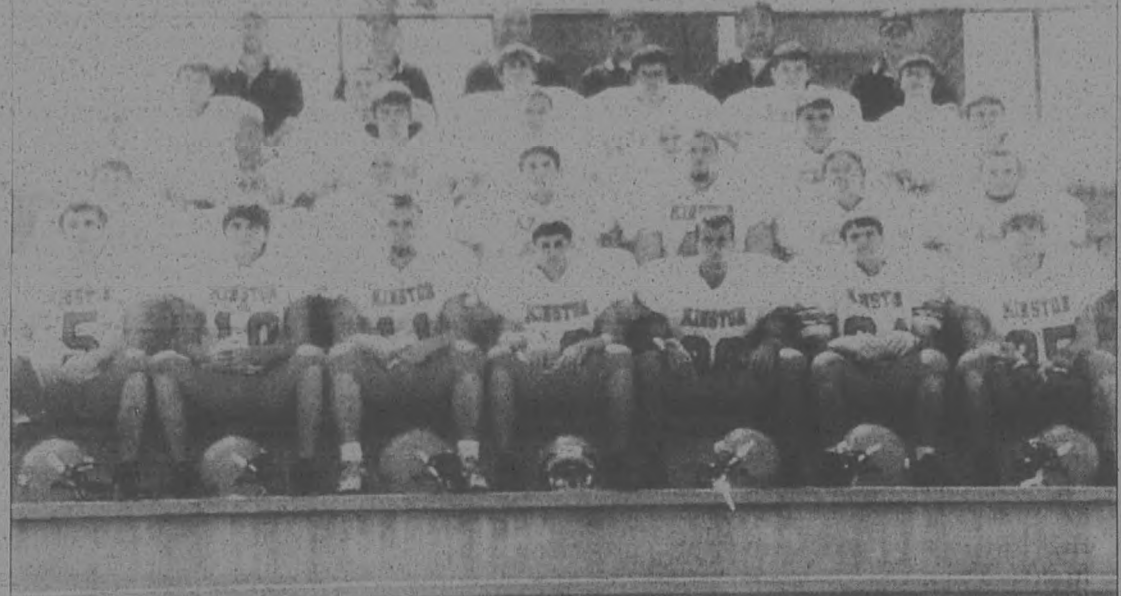
Back to anchor the Gamecocks on offense will be quarterback Joseph Sawyer, while running backs Tyler Simms and Jeremy Meek will give this year's New Brockton

offense a true 1-2 punch. Other players to watch for the Gamecocks this season include Dusty Medley, Channon Suckey, Tanner Medley, Ray Magwood, Jeremy Mack and Jody McCormick.

Zion Chapel spanked the Gamecocks 34-14 in last season's opener, but the Rebels know that this year the task will be much tougher. While the Zion Chapel roster may not be filled with veterans as it was a year ago, the cupboard is far from bare, and the 2001 Rebels should be a team that gets better as the season rolls along.

Sophomore quarterback Wesley Grant can hurt opposing defenses both running and passing and appears to have plenty of help with a duo of talented running backs in David Calhoun and Josh Richards. The Rebels also have size and experience up front led by seniors Josh Canley and Zane Tracey and

New Brockton will enter the game as a big favorite, but Zion Chapel will never back down from a fight, especially against a county rival, and this opener could be one of the best around



2001 KINSTON BULLDOGS

Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Samson for Thursday night date with 2A Samson Tigers

The upstart Kinston Bulldogs posted four wins a year ago under new head football coach Gary Glass and narrowly missed out on a trip to the state playoffs. While the Bulldogs did grow up last season on the gridiron and enjoyed their limited success, one thing the Bulldogs couldn't forget was the 41-8 pounding it took from the Samson Tigers in the season opener.

The Bulldogs will get the chance to bury that nightmare Thursday night and continue their path toward becoming a winning football team when

they head over the Geneva County line to battle those same bunch of Samson Tigers.

"We have a lot of players back that learned a lot about the game last season," said Coach Glass, "and hopefully this time around they will use that experience and help us take our program to the next level."

The Bulldogs will field their most experienced team ever this season, and will be led by such senior standouts as Ryan Anderson, Todd Mack, Cody Sansom, Tim Whigham, Jammie Lunsford, Patrick Nelson, Bo Driggers, Daniel

Davis, Donnie Sansom, Brad Boykin, Jon Wiggins and Will Mack.

"We will have a little quickness this season and will be able to do some things we haven't been able to even try in the past," admitted Coach Glass. "However, we don't have a lot of depth at any position, and must stay away from injuries if we hope to be able to compete against the folks on our schedule."

While the Bulldogs may appear to be outmatched in their season opener against 2A power Samson, the game will show everyone just what Kinston really has this season and should give a hint of just how far the Bulldogs can go. This should be a good one for all four quarters.

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SPORTS

Elba's Tim Hudson makes clean sweep of Roadrunner feature races during weekend racing at South Alabama Speedway

By Mark Chism

The Florida-based Southern Automobile Racing Association (SARA) was at South Alabama Speedway on Saturday night, August 18, with the Late Models running 125 laps and the Modifieds running 75 laps.

Bobby Beauchemin took the Late Model portion of the show, while Dwayne Dempsey edged his April 1st performance, winning the Modified Feature.

With rains in the area, both divisions started according to current points. Jason Boyd started on the pole for the Late Model race with Beauchemin on the outside. Beauchemin jumped out to the early lead, and everybody spent the rest of the evening chasing the Davie, Florida, driver. Last August, Beauchemin led almost all of the 125-lap event at SAS. This time, he turned in a flag to flag performance leading all 125.

Boyd was able to stay on Beauchemin's bumper during the race, but was unable to mount a challenge. Wayne Morris, who won the SARA race at SAS in April, got by Boyd around lap 90, and took up the challenge to Beauchemin, but again, this

was Beauchemin's race. Morris took second with Boyd third. Tony Amico was fourth, and Brent O'Neill fifth. Local drivers in the race included Jody Henderson, who finished 15th, Marty Carretti, 17th, and Roger Davis, 20th.

In the SARA Modified Feature, Dempsey was again the class of the field. Dempsey, who has made two trips to South Alabama Speedway, has two wins and led every lap he has competed at the track. Dempsey led all 75 laps Saturday to garner his 4th series win of the year. The race had familiar look as Dempsey led all the way with Jamie Burrows close behind in second.

Defending series champion Jerry Symons was third, followed by 1999 track champion Regis Hellett. Hellett started 13th and was the most significant mover in the field. Steve Hauser Jr rounded out the top five.

In Saturday's local action, Tim Hudson won the Roadrunner Feature. Hudson took the lead from Darrell Rogers on lap 6 to take the win. Rogers followed Hudson the remainder of the race to take second place in only his second

start. Jason Singletary was third, followed by Todd Boswell and Ricky Osborne.

In Friday's action, Jody Henderson passed Bill Brown on lap 10 to claim his third straight Super Stock Feature. Brown finished second ahead of Stacy McVay. Tommy Adams was fourth and Blake Foley fifth.

Jeff Smith won his tenth Super Street Feature. Brian Fuller led the first lap and then ran second to Smith the rest of the way. Harold Hurt and Toby Seay battled all race with Hurt finally gaining third place. Seay settled for fourth with Billy Ammons fifth.

In Street Stock, Brian Martin led flag to flag to take the win. Jamie Bowers came back from a heat race crash to finish second in the feature. Current point leader Blake Streetman was third. Timbo Kendrick fourth, and Kenneth Adkins fifth.

In the Roadrunner Feature, Tim Hudson warmed up for his Saturday win with the win on Friday. Ricky Osborne was second. Keith Peacock crossed the line third, but was disqualified during post race inspection for illegal spangs. Peacock's dq moved Dennison Reeves up to

third. Robert Colvin to fourth, and Ernie Dewrell to fifth. For more information, contact the speedway at (334) 565-3539 or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamaweedway.com/

Results

SARA Late Model 125

1. Bobby Beauchemin
2. Wayne Morris
3. Jason Boyd
4. Tony Amico
5. Brent O'Neill
6. Joe Sumasky
7. Matt Mercer
8. Brad Barkis
9. Chip Shell
10. Michael Faulk
11. Jay Middleton
12. Ronnie Skipper
13. Keith Lilley
14. Dustin Reeb
15. Joey Watkins
16. Chad Allman
17. Marty Carretti
18. Bill Klinkle
19. Martin Pierce
20. Roger Davis

SARA Modified 75

1. Dwayne Dempsey
2. Jamie Burrows
3. Jerry Symons
4. Regis Hellett

5. Steve Hauser Jr
6. Lee Faulk
7. J.F. McClellan
8. Aric Almirola
9. Greg Reeves
10. Mike Johnson
11. Jeremy Gerstner
12. Timbo Kendrick
13. Mike Bennett
14. Jacob Permenter
15. Maylon Palmer

Super Stock

1. Jody Henderson
2. Bill Brown
3. Stacy McVay
4. Tommy Adams
5. Blake Foley
6. Bill Cruise
7. Ray Hudson
8. Greg Rayburn
9. Chris Wilkerson
10. Jerry Hurt
11. David Ashley
12. Steve Scarborough
13. Gary Davis
- DNS Doobie Lewis

Super Street

1. Jeff Smith
2. Brian Fuller
3. Harold Hurt
4. Toby Seay
5. Billy Ammons
6. Marty Bean
7. Todd Valdez

Street Stock

1. Brian Martin
2. Jamie Bowers
3. Blake Streetman
4. Timbo Kendrick
5. Kenneth Adkins
6. Johnny Willis
7. Dalton Spears
- DNS Mark Bell

Roadrunner (Friday)

1. Tim Hudson
2. Ricky Osborne
3. Dennison Reeves
4. Robert Colvin
5. Ernie Dewrell
6. Jason Singletary
7. J.R. Andrews
8. Todd Boswell
9. Robby Hargrove
10. Darrell Rogers
- DQ Keith Peacock (3)

Roadrunner (Saturday)

1. Tim Hudson
2. Darrell Rogers
3. Jason Singletary
4. Todd Boswell
5. Ricky Osborne
6. Robert Colvin
7. Sam Smith
8. Keith Peacock
9. Ben Baxley
10. David Hattaway

CONSERVATION COMMENTS

By Riley Boykin Smith
Commissioner

"I can't do that—I don't know how," we heard a youngster say, to which his mother replied, "Well, you won't learn any younger!" This response teaches a great lesson. No matter how young or old we are, no matter what experiences we've had, there is no time like the present to learn something new.

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources challenges everyone to learn something new—to attempt an unfamiliar task and see it through to completion. That's part of the premise of our STEP, OUTSIDE programs. We've seen young children timidly taking hold of a fishing pole—and within minutes, realizing that fishing is something that they COULD do. Young hunters take to the field for the first time under the guidance of experienced mentors who encourage and praise their efforts. Our volunteer instructors at the Becoming an Outdoors Woman workshop tell of women of all ages mustering the courage to try something foreign to their experiences and then of their pride in accomplishment.

"Fall is right around the corner. The official 2001-2002 Hunting and Fishing Digest is printed, and the license agents have their new books, ready to sell hunting permits. Hunters' thoughts are turning to the woods and preparing fields, to checking and upgrading their equipment, and to scouting their hunting and lands. Let us add an item to that list—determine which friend or family member might go along on those hunts. Do you know anyone who has never been, but would come if you asked?"

The schedule of classes for the next B.O.W. workshop—October 5-7—is now posted on our website and is available for those interested in Becoming an Outdoors Woman. Many of the activities challenge the women to reach out beyond their comfort zones, and the women respond with the same attitude that mother displayed, "Well, I can't learn any younger!" With amazement, they often look back on the B.O.W. weekend as a time when they overcame their fears and uncertainties to accomplish things that they never dreamed they would ever attempt.

The Wildlife and Enforcement Sections of the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division are deep into planning a number of youth hunts. Young people who have not reached their sixteenth birthday have the opportunity to participate in special deer hunts on agency lands. Each youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting, wear hunter orange. Youth turkey hunts are also offered on several WMAs on the Saturdays prior to the regular opening days.

Field distributed throughout Alabama will offer exclusive youth dove hunts on selected Thursday afternoons beginning on the reopening day. These hunts are designed to maximize youth participation and to foster mentoring adults. A special youth waterfowl hunt is offered statewide.

Though these special hunts, we can pass our rich hunting heritage to the next generation. If you are interested in the youth or the Becoming an Outdoors Woman program, call 1-800-262-3151 for more information. Remember, we can't learn any younger.

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Elba Youth Football League cheerleaders to give away 12 prizes to lucky ticket holders

The Elba Youth Football League cheerleaders are sponsoring their first annual "2001 Football Giveaway" to help the cheerleaders raise money for new uniforms. The cheerleaders are taking \$1 donations, and will give away 12 prizes at the first home football game of the season on Saturday, September 22.

Prizes to be given away to the lucky winners include dinner for two at Ruby Tuesday's, dinner for two at Benihana's, dinner for two at Indigo Head, a gift certificate from the Elba Dairy

Queen, dinner for two at Po' Folks, a gift basket from Denise's Salon, a gift basket from the Dollar Bee, a wash and vac from Brooks Detailing, an ice chest from Lawford's Ace Hardware, a gift certificate from Clements Furniture, a gift certificate from Elba Texaco, and a football and soccer ball from Wal-Mart.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so from any youth cheerleader or by coming for two to Benihana's, dinner for two at Indigo Head, a gift certificate from the Elba Dairy

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Rumbling Waters team bass tourney set for September 1 at Wetumpka

The Wetumpka Exchange Club will sponsor its 18th annual "Rumbling Waters" team bass tournament on Saturday, September 1, with cash awards to the top teams totaling \$4,550.

The entry fee is \$100 per boat, with \$10 per angler, for the optional biggest bass prize.

Launching will take place

behind the Wetumpka City Hall at 6 a.m., and fishing will be allowed on the Coosa, Tallapoosa and Alabama Rivers. Boats must return by 3:00 P.M.

There will be a seven bass per boat limit, with all bass having a 12 inch minimum.

To enter or for more information, call Henderson Traylor at 334-567-4534.

Hunter education courses to be taught at County Farm Center

Hunter education courses will be offered at various locations around the state in coming months, according to the schedule recently released by the Alabama Conservation Department's Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division.

The courses will be taught by instructors certified by the Wildlife and Fisheries Division, and are mandatory for all first time hunting license buyers born on or after August 1, 1977.

The course satisfies the requirements of Alabama law, and involves training hunter ethics, state wildlife and hunting laws, firearms handling and safety, muzzle loading archery, wildlife identification

and management, outdoor survival skills and first aid.

Alabama's hunter education course is accepted in all 49 U.S. States and Canadian provinces where hunter education is mandatory before hunting license purchases.

For more information on hunter education call (334) 242-3620 or 1-800-245-2740.

Following are area hunter education course sites:

COFFEE COUNTY
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5:30 - 9:00 PM
October 29-31
5:30 - 9:00 PM

Youth soccer registration in Elba to conclude August 31

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation will hold registration for its "Youth Soccer League" from Friday, Aug. 17 through Friday, Aug. 31. The registration fee is \$20 per person, with a maximum fee of \$30 for a family of two or more. The age divisions will be 8 and Under and 12 and Under, and both leagues will be co-ed. All practices and matches this season will be held at Hawkins-Williams Park, with matches to be held during the week at night. All-Star teams will be selected at the conclusion of the season and will compete at the A.R.P.A. District tournament.

Registration forms will be available at the Elba Recreation Center, Elba City Hall and the Elba Elementary School. For more information call the Recreation office at 897-6833.

The season will begin in mid-September and coaches are needed for teams in both age divisions. Anyone wishing to coach, or be an assistant coach, should contact the Elba Department of Parks and Recreation and complete a coaching application as soon as possible so that practice may start as soon as registration ends.

Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Spinnerbait Is Deadly On Bass

Why a self-respecting largemouth bass would strike and attempt to swallow something as ugly as a spinnerbait is beyond me. It looks like nothing a bass is use to feeding on in the underwater world. True, a long willow leaf blade on a spinnerbait does resemble the flash of a baitfish. But, how many bait fish are swimming just above what looks like a giant eye with an octopus tail attached to it?

The spinnerbait undoubtedly originated when some stressed out fisherman tied a big jig to one end of a piece of piano wire and a spoon to the other end. He then made a kink in the middle of the wire and attached his fishing line. All this happened around a hundred years ago, and this contraption has been catching big bass ever since. Spinnerbaits are made in many variations that allow fishermen to probe the depths of large impoundments to surface fishing on farm ponds with them. They are offered in a variety of weights and sizes, but the 1/4 to 1/2 oz. seems to be the most popular. The smaller ones, such as the Beattie Spin are also excellent for panfish. Manufactures offer spinnerbaits with three types of blades—Colorado, Indiana and willow leaf, or a combination of the three. Colorado spinner blades are more rounded, willow leaf blades are much longer and slender than the Colorado blade. The Indiana blade is a hybrid of the Colorado blade and the willow leaf and falls somewhere in the middle as far as length.

I'm not sure that a big bass who is suffering hunger pangs stops to evaluate the length and weight of a spinnerbait before he hits, but manufacturers say there are enough differences between the three types that fishermen should educate themselves on which one is best for different fishing conditions. The Colorado and Indiana blade sinks at a faster rate than willow leaf blade, offering a slight advantage when you want to get a spinnerbait down fast. The Colorado blade puts out more vibrations, giving it the edge when fishing in turbid water where fish are striking by sound rather than sight. Willow leaf blades offer the most "flash" thus presenting a good imitation of a baitfish and are better in clearer water when the fish are striking by sight. However, they don't produce the vibrations of the Colorado or Indiana spinner blades.

Another variation of the spinnerbait, the buzzbait, is used for surface fishing. Buzzbaits work better in shallow water or when bass are feeding near the surface. One advantage of the spinnerbait over other baits is that their design makes them semi-weedless. The wire connecting the blade to the head and hook acts as a weed guard and greatly reduces hang-ups.

Water clarity dictates what colors are best. Orange, orange/white, red, white and chartreuse are good in murky water. Up and down erratic retrieves of this "ugly bait" can drive big bass crazy.

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out line. He said resident being served with papers to appear in small claims court has 14 days after being served to contact the office. Coffey County Solid Waste office at the Coffey County Courthouse to pay the amount owed. If he/she does not, the cost is doubled.

We are already getting a response from not only people

who have gotten a court notice but people who are close to being delinquent and hearing about what we are doing," McLwain said. "They are going ahead and paying their fees to get their account current."

Another concern for the solid waste department is residents who are not in compliance with the mandatory collection service

McLwain said when a resident is found that is not in compliance with the service, the first objective is to ask them to voluntarily sign up for service. If the resident refuses, he said documentation is made and his office begins to build a case. If the resident continues to refuse service, he said he will be forced to present the documentation to the district attorney's office and

he will prosecute.

"We're not the bad guys," said McLwain. "Not taking care of garbage creates hazards."

Anyone needing to sign up for the solid waste collection service can do so by coming by the Coffey County Solid Waste Office at the County Complex in New Brighton or call 894-6600.

noted that this was due almost entirely to a drastic drop in local sales tax receipts.

On the brighter side Grimes also reported that year-to-date expenses were down about \$52,000 from budget projections. He credited careful spending by all departments for the success of this belt-tightening effort.

Mayor Grimes projected that the City of Elba would end the year in fairly good financial condition if things continue as they have for the first ten months of the fiscal year.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported that the contractor on the recent sewer upgrade project has a crew back in town this week correcting some problems in the Kelley subdivision area. He also said the city should be finished with the drain tile work on Cudelia by Thursday of this week.

Grimes announced he has received a letter from the city's employee health insurance carrier that there will not be a premium increase this year. He added that this is the third year with this firm and there has not been a sin-

gle premium increase during this time.

The city has also received written approval from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) to stop the regular and expensive monitoring of the old city landfill. This work was contracted out to a certified engineering firm and was very costly to Elba taxpayers, even though there was never any evidence of problems with the closed landfill.

Charter Communications, which recently purchased the Elba Cable TV system from AT&T, has already budgeted upgrades on the Elba cable system, according to a conversation two company representatives had with Mayor Grimes recently. Grimes told council members he has asked for this upgrade commitment in writing and the company agreed to forward a letter in the near future. Grimes also said the company executives want to address the Elba council members and Water and Electric Board members about their plans for the system in the near future.

DARE

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math," Weeks said. "Saying no to drugs is an important lesson we try to teach our students, and I feel good that we have Officer Blair available to us."

Although Blair said the new DARE vehicle will be utilized in several different ways, he and Weeks insisted that an important aspect of the vehicle will be its visibility.

"The most important thing is the safety of our young people when we travel," said Blair.

He said he will accompany students as they travel across the state for extra curricular activities such as out-of-town ball games, field trips, etc.

Also, Blair will use the vehicle to travel to statewide DARE conferences and board of directors' meetings for DARE, where he currently serves as Sergeant at Arms for the state.

Blair said the new DARE vehicle replaces a car that is

nearly 10-years-old with very high mileage. "Because of all the travel the DARE vehicle is used for, we needed something different," said Blair.

Eddie Vaughan, a marketing representative for The National Security Group, Inc., said his company is proud to be able to assist the Elba DARE Program, the Elba City Schools and the Elba Police Department as they all work to save, protect and teach the young people of Elba.

"We are so appreciative of the business support," said Weeks. "This is such a small community, but they do so much for us."

"We are glad to help in any way possible as we show our support for the DARE Program, Officer Dean Blair, the Elba City School System and the Elba Police Department," said Doris Matthews, president of The Peoples Bank of Coffey County.

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SEPTEMBER

There's sun, surf and fine dining on the Emerald Coast, but there's much, much more. One of Walton County's cities is celebrating its centennial and will try Sept. 1 for an attendance record-breaking community picnic. Everyone is welcome. Also in September, in Fort Walton Beach, is a two-day Greek festival with all the costumes, dancing and specialty foods associated with Greek heritage. The season has started for theater productions, and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and "Ragtime" are two of the offerings. If you're a golfer or runner, several tournaments and 5K events are scheduled in September. For people who collect dolls or antiques, there are special shows this month and quilters will enjoy an unusual display based on manhole covers in Japan Sept. 25-Oct. 21.

1 - Celebrating the city's centennial, DeFuniak Springs in Walton County plans the World's Largest Community Picnic on the lawn surrounding the lake in the center of the city. Food and fun will be everywhere with entertainment on a barge in the middle of the lake. Everyone is invited; there is no cost for food, activities or entry. Call 850-951-1280.

1 - Rosemary Beach block party - a night of dining and dancing. The Summer Kitchen will provide the menu. Games and activities are planned for children. Call 850-231-2900.

1 - Walton County Art League will have its annual art & craft show and sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Farmers Market on U.S. 331 in DeFuniak Springs. Call 850-892-2286 or 850-892-0890.

1-2 - "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" at the Center for Fine and Performing Arts at the University of West Florida in Pensacola Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Call 850-474-2541.

1-2 - Greek Festival sponsored by the Saints Markella and Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church on U.S. 98 in Fort Walton Beach. Greek food, dancing, crafts and gifts. Pony rides, train rides and moonwalk for children. Most of the event is under tent, so the show will go on rain or shine. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. each day with free admission and parking. Call 850-244-0822.

1-2 - The Underdogs in concert from 7-9 p.m. Saturday and Sally dog in concert from 7-9 p.m. Sunday at Gulf Place on County Road 30-A in South Walton County. Concerts are out of doors weather permitting. Bring blankets or lawn chairs. There is no admission fee. Call 850-267-2567.

4 - Each Tuesday through Oct. 2: Free music series "Blues on the Beach, 7-9 p.m. at Gullside Pavilion on Pensacola Beach. Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Call 850-932-2257 or 850-932-1500.

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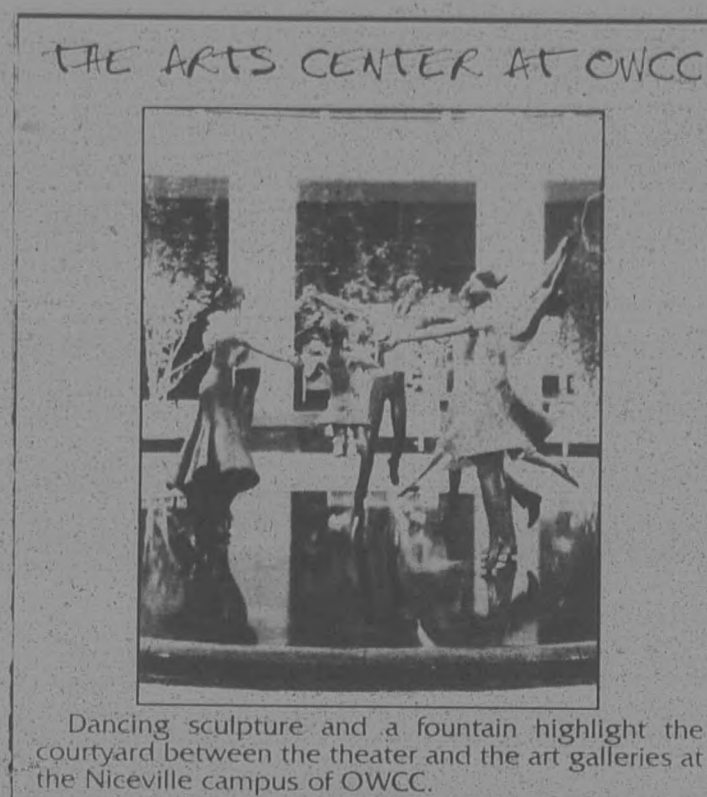
6 - Alabama Art Show. Fall closing party sponsored by the Marine Resources Foundation. Mattie Kelly, estate. Destin. 7-9 p.m. ticketed event. Call 850-650-2226.

7 - Navajo Chamber Golf Tournament. Hidden Creek Golf Course. Call 850-931-3767.

7-8 - Ragtime. The Tony award winning musical based on E.L. Doctorow's 1975 novel, at the Arts Center in Okaloosa Walton Community College in Niceville. Call 850-729-6000.

8-9 - Gulf Coast Seafood Tour. at Emerald Bay Golf Course in Destin. Call 850-837-5000.

9-Oct. 18 - Selections from the Attergrass Museum at McIlroy Gallery. Okaloosa Walton Community College in Niceville. Gallery hours Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday 1-4 p.m. Call 850-729-6000.



Dancing sculpture and a fountain highlight the courtyard between the theater and the art galleries at the Niceville campus of OWCC.

14 - Earl Hutto Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament at Shalimar Pointe Golf & Country Club. Call 850-650-7800.

14-22 - Santa Rosa County Fair. Call 850-623-5055.

18 - Seabreeze Radio presents Acoustic Alchemy with guest saxophonist Jeff Kashiwa in concert at 8 p.m. at the Fort Walton Beach Municipal Auditorium. This concert marks the first time the group has performed on the Gulf Coast. Call 850-267-3279. Web site: www.wsbz.com.

22 - Okaloosa Master Gardeners Plant Sale and Show at the fairgrounds in Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-862-0211.

22-23 - Fiddlesticks. 4-man fall volleyball tournament in Destin. Call 850-654-4200.

25-Oct. 21 - Manhole Covers 2001! A Quilt Odyssey at the Arts & Design Society Art Center in Fort Walton Beach. On display.

quilt of the manhole covers of Japan done by military wives of spouses stationed in Japan. Call 850-244-1271.

28 - Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra concert at 7:30 p.m. main theater at Okaloosa Walton Community College in Niceville. Call 1-888-838-ARTS or 850-729-6000.

28-29 - Seventy annual Oktober Fest and Arts & Crafts Festival at Merchants Walk in Bluewater Bay. The festival is sponsored by the Mid-Bay Rotary Club. Friday 5-10 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Call 850-897-3190.

28-30 - Fiesta Fall Antique Show in Bayfront Auditorium in Pensacola. Call 850-433-6512.

28-30 - 2001 Pensacola Seafood Festival at Seville Square. Downtown Pensacola. The Seafood Festival 5K run/walk in downtown Pensacola is Sept. 29. Call 850-433-6512.

29 - Ninth annual Mid-Bay Bridge Run/Walk begins at 8 a.m. at the south (Destin) end of the Ledge. Call 850-678-2923.

29 - Santa Rosa Island Marathon. Pensacola Beach. Call 850-932-1500.

29 - American Lung Association 5K run at Blackwater Heritage Trail. Call 850-478-5864.

29 - Second annual Northwest Florida Doll Show featuring vintage to modern collections of dolls and bears that draws displays from all over the Southeast. A United Federation of Doll Collectors member will offer appraisals with cost per item set at \$2.50. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Fort Walton Beach Creative Senior Center, 31 Memorial Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Call 850-833-9586.

One of the Emerald Coast's top events in October is the month-long fishing rodeo based in Destin. Opening the rodeo is the annual, three-day Seafood Festival that celebrates its 23rd year this year. People who love flowers will enjoy the Coastal Garden Show at Gulf Place and Seaside offers its annual Architects' House Tour on Oct. 20.

A festival featuring artists - particularly children - is scheduled for Oct. 20, when Rosemary Beach hosts the Flutterby Art Festival. Niceville is the site for the annual Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival, celebrating its 25th year. This festival is well known especially for its arts and crafts offerings. Stamp collectors will enjoy Stampfest on Oct. 27 in Fort Walton Beach. Paxton remembers yesteryear with its heritage festival, set for Oct. 27.

OCTOBER

1-30 - Fifty-third annual Fishing Rodeo in Destin. Anglers compete for prize in all species categories. The shank category has been reinstated for this year's Rodeo.

Many spectators gather at the harbor late each afternoon to see giant fish weighed in and anglers named entered on the tournament board. Anyone can enter the tournament. More than 35,000 fishermen competed in the month-long tournament in 2000. Call 850-837-6734.

1-2 - Sunshine Boys at Saenger Theatre. Pensacola. Call 850-444-7699.

5-6 - 17th annual Octobfest on Grace Avenue. Panama City. Call 850-785-5206.

5-7 - 23rd annual Seafood Festival. Destin. Three-day event includes

fish, shellfish, more than 100 arts and crafts vendors, live entertainment. Free admission, free off-site parking with free shuttle buses to the grounds above the harbor in Destin. Call 850-677-6241.

6 - Pensacola Symphony plays Brahms, Berlioz and Diamond. Call 850-435-2533.

8-11 - Nina Fritz' fourth annual figure painting workshop at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic church in Pensacola Beach. Call 850-432-9868.

8-13 - 11th annual Captain Anderson's Marina Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. Call 850-785-5206.

9-14 - Northwest Florida Fair in Fort Walton Beach. All the charm and variety of an old-fashioned fair with 4-H displays, livestock, stalling, quilting

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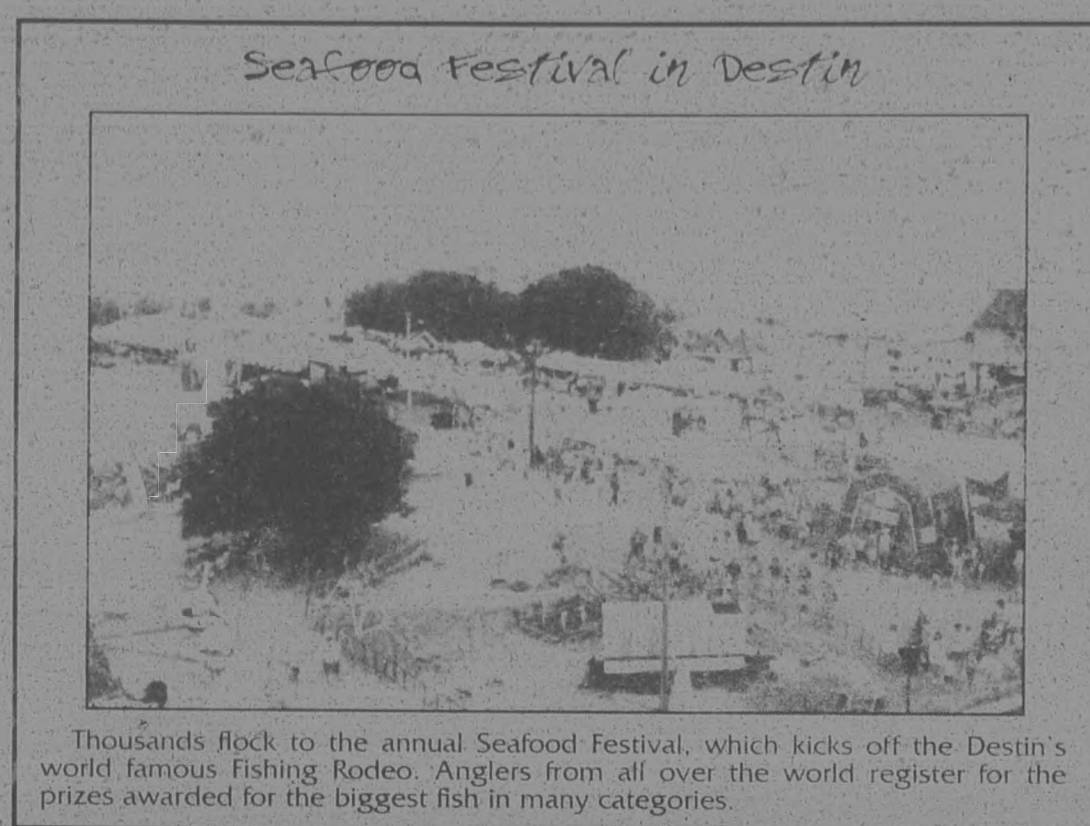
12-14 Annual Indian Seafest Festival. At the Bryant Park, Panama City. Call 850-785-5206.

12-14 Greek Festival. St. George's Orthodox Church, Panama City. Call 850-433-2562.

12-14 International Golf Tournament. Eight Indian Bayou and Camp Creek golf courses. Call 850-882-2949 or 850-837-6191.

13-14 St. Rose's Lima Fall Festival in Milton. Call 850-623-3600.

13-14 Coastal Garden Show at Gulf Place County Road 30-A and County Road 393, South



Thousands flock to the annual Seafood Festival, which kicks off the Destin's world famous Fishing Rodeo. Anglers from all over the world register for the prizes awarded for the biggest fish in many categories.

Walton County), 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Show will feature walks through gardens, native plants, garden furniture, birdbaths, pottery, garden tools, fountains and art and antiques.

Call 850-622-2369 at 2 p.m.

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17-21 "Rashomon" at the Sprint Theatre of Okaloosa-Walton Community College in Niceville. Sunday matinee.

18-28 Pensacola Interstate Fair, included in the scheduled entertainment. Are Pam Tillis, Ronnie

Milsap, Jerry Reed, Chalee Jemison, The Platters, The Coasters' and the Spectacular White Tigers. For more details, see the Fair's Web site, www.pensacolair.com.

19 Rosemary Beach stock party with dining and dancing in Barrett Square. The Summer Kitchen provides the menu. Games and activities for children. Call 850-231-2900.

19-21 Continuing on from celebrating Defunct Springs, has subjected three performances of a play featuring the history of music, education and theatre in the Chautauque Theatre. Call 850-951-1280.

19-21 Diamond Ring will headline the entertainment at the 25th annual Boggy Bayou Muller Festival in Niceville. Other performers are Clay Davidson and Trick Pony. In addition to entertainment, the festival offers high quality fine art and home handicrafts, food

concessions (including mullet offerings, of course) and special activities for children. Call 850-729-4008.

20 Flutterby Art Festival in Rosemary Beach. Along with other art, children's art is displayed and scholarships are awarded for after-school children's art classes. Call 850-231-0885.

20 Fall Architects' House Tour, 4-6 p.m., Seaside Institute. Call 850-231-2421.

20 Return to Elegance Masqued Ball at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Destin. Silent auction, collectibles, weekend get-aways awarded. Carnival of activities includes wine toss, fortune tellers, dining and dancing. Tickets are \$100. The ball benefits the American Cancer Society. Call 850-244-3813 or 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

20-21 Emerald Coast Golf Senior Scratch Series in Destin. Call 850-837-5197.

20-28 Okaloosa County Fall Fair & Fine Arts Show at the fair-

grounds in Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-862-0211.

21 Destin Triathlon at the Crab Trap on the beach in Destin. Call 850-864-2416.

22 The Two Davids in Concert, David Ott and David Seering, accompanied by the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, present A Tribute to Johnny Mercer at the Arts Center of Okaloosa-Walton Community College in Niceville. Call 650-2226.

23-24 Fudpucker's 4-man Volleyball Tournament on the beach in Destin. Call 850-654-4200.

24-25 Renaissance Fair at Rosemary Beach in Walton County, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., sponsored by Dragon Works Art with art and food sponsored by Hilltop Productions. Free art show, food, entertainment including theater group, street performers and dancers. A human chess game with sword fights will be the featured event. \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12.

24-27 The Mystical Arts of

Tibet, Mandala Sand Painting. Tibetan monks will visit the campus of Okaloosa-Walton Community College in Niceville to demonstrate ancient art. McIlroy Gallery. Call 850-729-6000.

27 Annual fall classic golf tournament, Holiday Golf Club, Panama City. Call 850-785-5206.

27 Gulf Coast Triathlon Foundation 1/2 marathon, Panama City Beach. Call 850-785-5206.

27 The Panhandle Philatelic Society will host Stampfest III, the third of four shows this year, at Knights of Columbus Hall, Fort Walton Beach. Show hours from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Call 850-651-2770.

27 Heritage Festival in Paxton with Bible exhibit showing history of the English Bible, working sugarcane mill (offering samples of juice), woven and pine needle baskets, 5K run to highest point in Florida, arts & crafts, Walton Guard Civil War encampment, classic car show, horse-

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27 - Pensacola Opera presents Fall Fantasy II, a costumed affair presented by Operazzi! Music, dancing, spirits and food, features a costume contest judged by celebrity guests. Pensacola Opera Center. Call 850-433-6737.

27-28 - Emerald Coast Golf 4-Ball Classic. Call 850-837-5197.

31, Nov. 1-3 - Seaside Institute's Florida International University 15th annual writers' conference. Call 850-231-2421.

Not to be missed in November is the folk play "Grit and Grace," which will be presented three weekends at Freeport High School. This year's show, like the one in 2001, will reprise many true tales of early Walton County in song, dance and narration. More than 100 Walton residents, working with a professional director and a professional choreographer, star in the show. Getting ready for Christmas? Be sure to attend St. Simon Episcopal Church's large annual arts and crafts show in Fort Walton Beach or Holly Days Craft Show in Santa Rosa Beach. Not to be missed this month is the Blue Angels Homecoming Show in Pensacola and golfers won't want to miss the fifth annual Don Sutton Celebrity Invitational Golf Tournament at Regatta Bay in Destin. To get in the holiday mood, be sure to swing by The Zoo in Gulf Breeze - decorated with more than a million lights - between Nov. 23 and the end of the holidays.

NOVEMBER

1 - Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and Chorus present Arthur Honegger's "King David" at the Arts Center of Okaloosa-Walton Community College in Niceville. Call 850-729-6000.

1-4, 9-11, 16-18 - Grit and Grace, a folk life production to be presented at Freeport High School in Freeport. This is the second annual Grit and Grace production. Although professionally directed and choreographed, the show will present new, locally written vignettes of life in early Walton County performed by more than 100 local actors, singers and dancers. The first version, produced in 2000, ended a year of taking the show on the road in July 2001. The director, Richard Geer, pioneered Swamp Gravy, the official folk life play of Georgia in 1992. Call 850-231-1581.

1-4, 8-11 - "Nuncracker," the third in the "Nonsense" series of comedies, will be presented by Stage Crafters of Fort Walton Beach at the Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium on U.S. 98. Thursday-Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m., Sunday shows at 2 p.m. Call 850-243-1101.

1-4 - Seeing Red Wine Festival at Seaside. Four days of wine tastings, winners' demonstrations and lectures at Seaside and area fine dining restaurants plus live entertainment. Call 850-231-2421.

2 & 3 - St. Simons Episcopal Church's annual arts and crafts and food festival and sale at the church on U.S. 98 in Fort Walton Beach. Outstanding crafts will be available from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Food made and sold by ladies of the church.

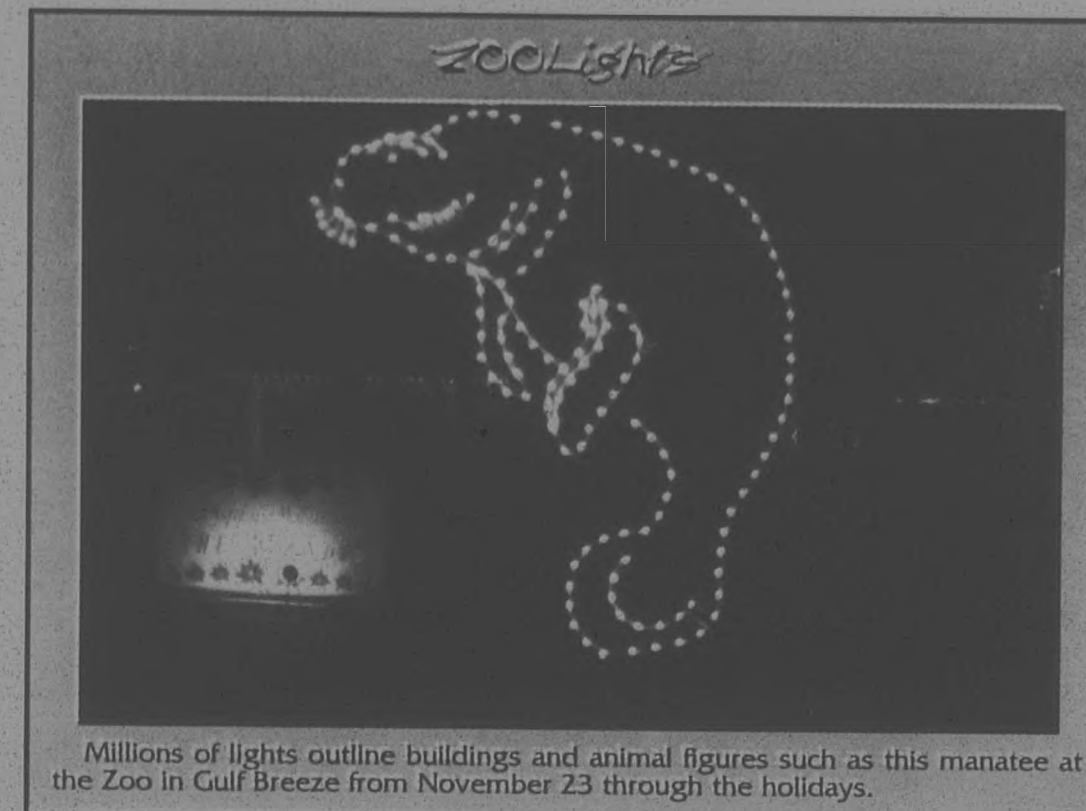
will be available for lunch each day and many food and baked goods will be available for sale. The church is accessible to the handicapped and free parking plus free shuttles are available. There is no entry fee. Call 850-651-2460.

2-4 - Emerald Coast Pro-Tour Fall Championship Pro-AM at Indian Bayou Golf Course in Destin. Call 850-837-6191.

2-4 - 13th annual POWWOW at the Mullet Festival site in Niceville. Free admission. Call 850-862-3011.

3 - Pensacola Symphony presents "Rhapsody" by Tchaikovsky, Dvorak and Creston. Call 850-435-2533.

3 - Ironman Florida Triathlon at Boardwalk Beach Resort in Panama City Beach. Call 850-785-5206.



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7 - "Footloose," a musical based on the 1984 movie of the same name, in Broadway Series at Arts Center of Okaloosa-Walton Community College, Niceville. Call 850-729-6000.

9-10 - Fifth annual Don Sutton Celebrity Invitational Golf Tournament at Regatta Bay Golf & Country Club in Destin. The proceeds of the tournament benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital. Registration deadline Oct. 8. Call 800-547-0805 or 850-837-4899; fax 850-837-5399.

9-10 - Blue Angels' Homecoming Airshow at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola. Admission is free. The famous fliers demonstrate high-flying ballet with their jet airplanes. Call 1-800-327-5002.

10 - Good News United Methodist Church will host Holly Days Craft Show from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the church on U.S. 98 in Santa Rosa Beach. Call 850-622-9191.

10-11 - Annual Camellia Show, presented by the Greater Fort Walton Beach Camellia Society. Call 850-897-5741.

12-13 - PGA Dixie Section Championship at Kelly Plantation in Destin. Call 850-650-7600.

17 - Emerald Coast Concert Association presents jazz pianist Butch Thompson, who has been a featured artist on Garrison Keillor's "Prairie Home Companion." Fort Walton Beach Civic Center. Call 850-837-1742.

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No fee is charged for the tour that day (See Dec. 15). The grounds, gardens and picnic area are open daily from 8 a.m. until sundown; the house is open for hourly guided tours from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday through Monday. A nominal fee is charged for tours. A citizens' group known as Friends of Eden maintains the beauty of the home and grounds.

23 Continuing Defuniak Springs' celebration, the centennial committee will join forces with the committees for the annual Hometown

Christmas and Reflections celebrations for a city-wide celebration of the city's 100th birthday. On this day, lights will be turned

on around the lake in the center of town and at many of the Victorian homes around the lake. Call 850-951-1280.

23 through holidays - ZOO Lights at The Zoo in Gulf Breeze. More than a million lights with lighted animal and holiday scenes.

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24 - Jingle Bell Fun Run begins at 10 a.m. at Ruskin Place entrance of Seaside. Call 850-231-2284.

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DECEMBER

1 Florida State Chili Championship at the Riverwalk in Milton. Call 850-932-2080.

2 Jingle Bell Run for Artimes Foundation. Call 850-863-4193.

7 Celebrate 20th Anniversary of the Foundation and Seaside Prize. Call 850-231-2421.

7-9 & 14-16 A Christmas Carol. Call 850-432-0257.

8 2001 World Wine Tour sponsored by the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation at Kelly Plantation Golf Club in Destin. Gourmet food and wine tasting at this black-tie gala and auction. Call 850-650-2226.

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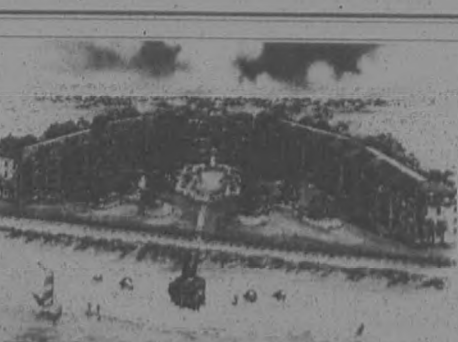
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form as part of the Broadway series sponsored by Bay Arts Alliance at the Marina Civic Center in Panama City. Call 850-769-1277.

9 Holiday Open House: Camp Walton Schoolhouse Museum, 107 First Street, Fort Walton Beach. Upon 3 p.m. Celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas in the 1912 schoolhouse with period decorations, games and activities for children, refreshments and a visit from Santa at 2 p.m. No admission charge. Call 850-833-9595.

13 The Sound of the Season: Christmas concert sponsored by the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation at the Destin Community Center at 7 p.m. Program features Charles Billingsley, David Seering, Matt Jones and the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation Community Choir. Call 850-650-2226.

15 Candlelight tour of the Wesley home in Point Washington, Walton County. 4-8 p.m. There is no fee. Civil War reenactors, dressed in period costume, are guides for the tour. Join singing groups for caroling on the large front porch. There are campfires on the grounds offering free demonstrations of life at Civil War days. The tour is very popular, draws large crowds and is a major annual production of Friends of Eden, the citizens' group that decorates the home for Christmas. Call 850-238-4244.

15-16 Gun and knife show at the fairgrounds in Fort Walton Beach. Buy, sell or trade guns and knives. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. Admission \$5, children under 12 free if accompanied by adult. Call 850-862-0211.

22 Falalapalooza! Reindeer Run 5K at Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort. Call 850-267-7000.

31 First Night Fort Walton Beach, downtown along U.S. 98. Alcohol-free family New Year's Eve celebration with entertainment, food and fireworks. 6 p.m.-midnight. Admission by \$5 button.

The Indian Temple Mound Museum in downtown Fort Walton Beach will be open 6-11 p.m. for exhibits on Indian cultures, explorers and the Civil War. There is a hands-on touch table and a gift shop. Call 850-833-9595.

First Night Fort Walton Beach



One of the attractions at First Night Fort Walton Beach is the Indian Temple Mound Museum, which will be open 5-11 p.m.

January is a month that's special to music lovers, with concerts scheduled starring the Dukes of Dixieland, Four Aces, Cucanandy and a tribute to Frank Sinatra plus "Don Giovanni" and "Buddy" also on the boards, among other events. Stampfest, the final show for stamp collectors, this year is set for Jan. 26 in Fort Walton Beach.

JANUARY

5 Pensacola Runners Association's Navarre Beach Run, 5 K, 10 K, Half Marathon. Starts at 9 a.m. from Navarre Beach Holiday Inn. Call 850-476-7434.

12 Emerald Coast Concert Association presents the Dukes of Dixieland, masters of Dixieland and traditional jazz for 40 years. Arts Center of Okaloosa-Walton Community College in Niceville. Call 850-837-1742.

16 The Four Aces in concert at the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola. Doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m., cash bar. Call 850-453-2389 or 800-327-5002.

17 Buddy, the Buddy Holly story. Broadway series at the Arts Center of Okaloosa-Walton Community College in Niceville. Call 850-729-6000.

19 Pianist Jon

Nakamatsu plays Rachmaninoff with the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra. Call 850-435-2533 or visit www.pensacolasymphony.com.

25-27 Pensacola Opera presents "Don Giovanni" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart at the Saenger Theatre. Friday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 850-433-6737.

26 Emerald Coast Concert Association presents Cucanandy, an Irish song and dance group that has performed nationally. Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium. Call 850-837-1742.

26 The Panhandle Philatelic Society will host

The Dukes of Dixieland



The Dukes of Dixieland will play January 12 at the Arts Center of OWCC in Niceville.

Stampfest III, the fourth and final show this year, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 307 Walton Beach. Show hours are 2 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Call 850-651-2770.

31 Antonio Marques, international flamenco dance star and his company, in the Artist Series of the Arts Center at

Okaloosa-Walton Community College in Niceville. Call 850-729-6000.

31 "Our Sinatra" off-Broadway show, band and vocals in a tribute to Frank Sinatra at the National Museum of Naval Aviation, Pensacola. Doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7 p.m., cash bar. Call 850-453-2389 or 800-327-5002.

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Shakespeare's "The Tempest" is scheduled for several performances in Pensacola this month. Violinist Daniel Helfetz will be in concert in Fort Walton Beach and there will be a Mardi Gras Parade in Navarre Beach. The Glenn Miller, Guy Lombardo and Benny Goodman orchestras will play at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola and runners can sign up for the Double Bridge Run, Navarre to Pensacola Beach, on Feb. 19. A very special event this month is the Chautauqua Assembly Cultural Weekend Feb. 23-25 in Defuniak Springs.

FEBRUARY

4 - The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra led by trombonist Buddy Morrow with vocalist Walt Andrus at the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola. Doors open at 6 p.m., concert at 7 p.m., cash bar.
Call 850-453-2389 or 800-327-5002.

8 - "The Tempest" at The Center for Fine and Performing Arts at the University of West Florida in Pensacola. Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m.
Call 850-474-254.

9 - Mardi Gras Parade with floats, bands, cars and lots of throws in Navarre Beach.
Call 850-939-3005 or 850-939-8084.

9 - Emerald Coast Concert Association pres-

ents violinist Daniel Helfetz and his Classical Band at the Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium.
Call 850-837-1742.

12 - Glenn Miller Orchestra led by trombonist Larry O'Brien with vocals by Julia Rich, Nick Hilscher and the Moonlight Serenaders at the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola. Doors open at 6 p.m., concert at 7 p.m., cash bar.
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16 - Pensacola Symphony presents "Flash Cadillac" classic rock and roll.
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19 - A salute to Benny Goodman, the "King of Swing," by clarinetist Terry Myers and his orchestra

with guest xylophonist Peter Appleyard at the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola. Doors open at 6 p.m., concert at 7 p.m., cash bar.
Call 850-453-2389 or 800-327-5002.

19 - Double Bridge Run, 15K and 5K/C.B. Navarre to Pensacola Beach.
Call 850-434-2800.

21 - "Titanic" will be performed at the Marina Civic Center in Panama City as part of the Broadway series sponsored by Bay Arts Alliance.
Call 850-769-1277.

23-25 - Chautauqua Assembly Cultural Weekend at Defuniak Springs in Walton County. Three days and nights of fine and heritage arts, four of several Victorian homes around the lake, lectures on a wide variety of subjects, workshops ranging from computers to fashions, photog-

raphy to circus history, performances of "Scarlett O'Hara" and more. The strong Scottish heritage of the city will be celebrated with song, dance, jesters, bards and foods with a Celidh scheduled for Saturday night. Tickets at the door are priced per event.
Call 850-892-0624, visit www.chautauqua-assembly.com.

25 - "Mikado," Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular opera, from the Broadway Series at the Arts Center Okaloosa-Walton Community College in Niceville.
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25 - The Guy Lombardo Orchestra led by Al Pearson at the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola. Doors open at 6 p.m., concert at 7 p.m., cash bar.
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